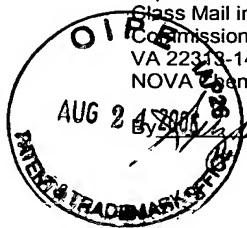


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated March 7, 2006, having a shortened statutory term for reply expiring on June 7, 2006. Applicant is enclosing a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to this Office Action, which will extend the term for reply to September 7, 2006.

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.